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Were it my business to understand *physick*, would not the safer way be to consult nature herself in the history of diseases and their cures, than espouse the principles of the dogmatists, methodists or chymists.

2. Medicines; remedies.

In itself we desire health, *physick* only for health's sake.

Use *physick* or ever thou be sick.

Prayer is the best *physick* for many melancholy diseases.

He 'scapes the best, who nature to repair

Draws *physick* from the fields in draughts of vital air.

3. [In common phrase.] A purge.

The people use *physick* to purge themselves of humours.

To *PHY-SICK*. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To purge; to treat with *physick*; to cure.

The labour we delight in, *physicks* pain.

It is a gallant child; one that indeed *physicks* the subject,

For that will *physick* the great myrmidon

Who broils in loud applause.

In virtue and in health we love to be instructed, as well as *physicked* with pleasure.

PHYSICOTHEOLOGY. *n. f.* [from *physico* and *theology*.] Divinity enforced or illustrated by natural philosophy.

PHYSIOGNOMER. *n. f.* [from *physiognomie*, Fr.] One who judges of the temper or future fortune by the features of the face.

Dignities, when he should have been put to death by the Turk, a *physiognomer* wished he might not die, because he would

And fortune-teller, foretold by looking on them the time of their deaths, whom those pictures represented.

Let the *physiognomist* examine his features.

PHYSIOGNOMICK. *adj.* [from *physiognomie*, Fr.] Drawn from the contemplation of the face; conversant in contemplation of the face.

PHYSIOGNOMY. *n. f.* [from *physiognomie*, Fr.] The art of discovering the temper, and foreknowing the fortune by the features of the face.

In all *physiognomy*, the lineaments of the body will discover those natural inclinations of the mind which dissimulation will

conceal, or discipline will suppress.

2. The face; the cast of the look.

The astrologer, who spells the stars,

Interprets heaven's *physiognomy*.

O' th' planets all men's destinies.

The end of portraits consists in expressing the true temper of those persons which it represents, and to make known their *physiognomy*.

The distinguishing characters of the face, and the lineaments of the body, grow more plain and visible with time and age; but the peculiar *physiognomy* of the mind is most discernible in children.

PHYSIOLOGICAL. *adj.* [from *physiology*.] Relating to the doctrine of the natural constitution of things.

Some of them seem rather metaphysical than *physiological* notions.

PHYSIOLOGIST. *n. f.* [from *physiology*.] One versed in *physiology*; a writer of natural philosophy.

PHYSIOLOGY. *n. f.* [from *physiologie*, Fr.] The doctrine of the constitution of the works of nature.

Disputing *physiology* is of no accommodation to your designs.

Philosophers adapted their description of the deity to the vulgar, otherwise the conceptions of mankind could not be accounted for from their *physiology*.

PHYSY. *n. f.* [I suppose the same with *fusee*.] See *FUSEE*.

Some watches are made with four wheels, some have strings and *physies*, and others none.

PHYTIVOROUS. *adj.* [from *phyton* and *voro*, Lat.] That eats grafs or any vegetable.

Hairy animals with only two large foreteeth, are all *phytivorous*, and called the hare-kind.

PHYTOGRAPHY. *n. f.* [from *phyton* and *grapho*, Lat.] A description of plants.

PHYTOLOGY. *n. f.* [from *phyton* and *logia*, Lat.] The doctrine of plants; botanical discourse.

PIALL. *n. f.* [from *piaculum*, Lat.] An enormous crime. A word not used.

To tear the paps that gave them suck, can there be a greater *pialle* against nature, can there be a more execrable and horrid thing?

PIACULAR. *adj.* [from *piaculum*, Lat.]

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1. Expiatory; having the power to atone.

2. Such as requires expiation.

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It was *piaculous* unto the Romans to pare their nails upon the nundines, observed every ninth day.

3. Criminal; atrociously bad.

While we think it so *piaculous* to go beyond the ancients, we must necessarily come short of genuine antiquity and truth.

PIA-MATER. *n. f.* [Lat.] A thin and delicate membrane, which lies under the dura mater, and covers immediately the substance of the brain.

PIANET. *n. f.*

1. A bird; the lesser wood-pecker.

2. The magpie. This name is retained in Scotland.

PIA-STER. *n. f.* [from *pietra*, Italian.] An Italian coin, about five shillings sterling in value.

PIAZZA. *n. f.* [Italian.] A walk under a roof supported by pillars.

He stood under the piazza.

PICA. *n. f.* Among printers, a particular size of their types or letters. This dictionary is in small *pica*.

PICARON. *n. f.* [from *picare*, Italian.] A robber; a plunderer.

Corfica and Majorca in all wars have been the nests of *picarons*.

PIC-CAGE. *n. f.* [from *piccagium*, low Lat.] Money paid at fairs for breaking ground for booths.

To PICK. *v. a.* [from *picken*, Dutch.]

1. To cull; to chuse; to select; to glean; to gather here and there.

This fellow *picks* up wit as pigeons peas.

He hath *pick'd* out an act,

Under whose heavy sense your brother's life

Falls into forfeit.

Trust me, sweet,

Out of this silence yet I *pick'd* a welcome;

And in the modesty of fearful duty

I read as much, as from the rattling tongue

Of taucy and audacious eloquence.

Contempt putteth an edge upon anger more than the hurt itself; and when men are ingenious in *picking* out circumstances of contempt, they do kindle their anger much.

The want of many things fed him with hope, that he should out of these his enemies distresses *pick* some fit occasion of advantage.

They must *pick* me out with shackles tir'd,

To make them sport with blind activity.

What made these *pick* and chuse her out,

To employ their forerics about?

How many examples have we seen of men that have been *picked* up and relieved out of starving necessities, afterwards

conspire against their patrons.

If he would compound for half, it should go hard but he'd make a shift to *pick* it up.

A painter would not be much commended, who should *pick* out this cavern from the whole *Aeneids*; he had better leave them in their obscurity.

Imitate the bees, who *pick* from every flower that which they find most proper to make honey.

He that is nourished by the acorns he *picked* up under an oak in the wood, has certainly appropriated them to himself.

He asked his friends about him, where they had *picked* up such a blockhead.

The will may *pick* and chuse among these objects, but it cannot create any to work on.

Deep through a miry lane she *pick'd* her way,

Above her ankle rose the chalky clay.

Thus much he may be able to *pick* out, and willing to transfer into his new history; but the rest of your character will probably be dropped, on account of the antiquated stile they are delivered in.

Heav'n, when it strives to polish all it can

Its last, best work, but forms a softer man,

Picks from each sex, to make the fav'rite blest,

To take up; to gather; to find industriously

You owe me money, Sir John, and now you *pick* a quarrel to beguile me of it.

It was believed, that Perkin's escape was not without the king's privity, who had him all the time of his flight in a line; and that the king did this, to *pick* a quarrel to put him to death.

They are as peevish company to themselves as to their neighbours; for there's not one circumstance in nature, but they shall find matters to *pick* a quarrel at.

Pick the very refuse of those harvest fields.

To separate from any thing useless or noxious, by gleaning out either part; to clean by *picking* away filth.

For private friends: his answer was,

He could not stay to *pick* them in a pile

Of musty chaff.

It hath been noted by the ancients, that it is dangerous to *pick* one's ears whilst he yawneth; for that in yawning, the

minor parchment of the ear is extended by the drawing of the breath.

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He *picks* and culls his thoughts for conversation, by suppressing some, and communicating others.

You are not to wash your hands, till you have *picked* your fallad.

To clean, by gathering off gradually any thing adhering.

Hope is a pleasant premeditation of enjoyment; as when a dog expects, till his master has done *picking* a bone.

[*Piquer*, Fr.] To pierce; to strike with a sharp instrument.

Pick an apple with a pin full of holes not deep, and smear it with spirits, to see if the virtual heat of the strong waters

will not mature it.

In the face, a small wart or fiery pustule, being healed by scratching or *picking* with nails, will terminate corrofive.

To strike with bill or beak; to peck.

The eye that mocketh at his father, the ravens of the valley shall *pick* out.

[*Picars*, Italian.] To rob.

The other night I fell asleep here, and had my pocket *picked*; this house is turn'd bawdy-house, they *pick* pockets.

They have a design upon your pocket, and the word confidence is used only as an instrument to *pick* it.

To open a lock by a pointed instrument.

Did you ever find

That any art could *pick* the lock, or power

Could force it open.

To *PICK* a hole in one's coat. A proverbial expression for one finding fault with another.

To *PICK*. *v. n.*

1. To eat slowly and by small morsels.

Why stand'st thou *picking*? is thy palate fore,

That hets and radishes will make thee roar.

To do any thing nicely and leisurely.

He was too warm on *picking* work to dwell,

But faggoted his notions as they fell,

And if they rhym'd and rattl'd, all was well.

PICK. *n. f.* A sharp-pointed iron tool.

What the miners call chert and whern, the stone-cutters

nicomia, is so hard, that the *picks* will not touch it; it will not split but irregularly.

PICKPACK. *adv.* [from *pick*, by a reduplication very common in our language.] In manner of a pack.

In a hurry she whips up her darling under her arms, and carries the other a *pickpack* upon her shoulders.

PICKAXE. *n. f.* [from *pick* and *axe*.] An axe not made to cut but pierce; an axe with a sharp point.

Their tools are a *pickaxe* of iron, seventeen inches long, sharpened at the one end to peck, and flat-headed at the other to drive iron wedges.

I'll hide my master from the flies, as deep

As these poor *pickaxes* can dig.

Of pioneers, with spade and *pickaxe* arm'd,

Fore-run the royal camp, to trench a field.

PICKBACK. *adj.* [corrupted perhaps from *pickpack*.] On the back.

As our modern wits behold,

Mounted a *pickback* on the old,

Much farther off.

PICKED. *adj.* [from *pick*, Fr.] Sharp; smart.

Let the stake be made *picked* at the top, that the jay may not settle on it.

To *PICKER*. *v. a.* [from *piccare*, Italian.]

1. To pirate; to pillage; to rob.

2. To make a flying skirmish.

No sooner could a hint appear,

But up he started to *pick*,

And made the stoutest yield to mercy,

When he engag'd in controversy.

PICKER. *n. f.* [from *pick*.]

1. One who picks or culls.

The *pickers* pick the hops into the hair-cloth.

2. A *pickax*; an instrument to pick with.

With an iron *picker* clear all the earth out of the hills.

PICKEREL. *n. f.* [from *pik*.] A small pike.

PICKEREL-WEED. *n. f.* [from *pik*.] A water plant, from which *pikes* are fabled to be generated.

The lucc or pike is the tyrant of the fresh waters; they are bred, some by generation, and some not; as of a weed called *pickerel-weed*, unless Gosner be mistaken.

PICKLE. *n. f.* [from *pickel*, Dutch.]

1. Any kind of salt liquor, in which flesh or other substance is preserved.

Thou shalt be whipt with wire, and stew'd in brine,

Smarting in lingering *pickle*.

Some fish are gutted, split and kept in *pickle*; as whitening and mackerel.

He instructs his friends that dine with him in the best *pickle* for a walnut.

A third sort of anticorbuticks are called *astringent*; as capers, and most of the common *pickles* prepared with

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vinegar.

2. Thing kept in *pickle*.

Condition; state. A word of contempt and ridicule.

How cam'st thou in this *pickle*?

A physician undertakes a woman with sore eyes; his way was to dawb 'em with ointments, and while she was in that

pickle, carry off a spoon.

Poor Umbra, left in this abandon'd *pickle*,

E'en fits him down.

PICKLE or *pickel*. *n. f.* A small parcel of land inclosed with a hedge, which in some countries is called a *pingle*.

To *PICKLE*. *v. a.* [from the noun.]

1. To preserve in *pickle*.

Autumnal cornels next in order serv'd,

In lees of wine well *pickl'd* and preserv'd.

They shall have all, rather than make a war;

The Straits, the Guiney-trade, the herrings too;

Nay, to keep friendship, they shall *pickle* you.

2. To season or imbue highly with any thing bad; as, a *pickled* rogue, or one consummately villainous.

PICKLEHERRING. *n. f.* [from *pickle* and *herring*.] A jack-pudding; a merry-andrew; a zany; a buffoon.

Another branch of pretenders to this art, without horse or

pickleherring, lie snug in a garret.

The *pickleherring* found the way to shake him, for upon his whistling a country jig, this unlucky wag danced to it with such a variety of grimaces, that the countryman could not forbear smiling, and lost the prize.

PICKLOCK. *n. f.* [from *pick* and *lock*.]

1. An instrument by which locks are opened without the key.

We take him to be a thief too, Sir; for we have found upon him, Sir, a strange *picklock*.

Scipio, having such a *picklock*, would spend so many years in battering the gates of Carthage.

It corrupts faith and justice, and is the very *picklock* that opens the way into all cabinets.

Thou rais'dst thy voice to describe the powerful Betty or the artful *picklock*, or Vulcan sweating at his forge, and stamping the queen's image on viler metals.

2. The person who picks locks.

PICKPOCKET. *n. f.* [from *pick* and *pocket*.] A thief who steals, by putting his hand privately into the pocket or purse.

I think he is not a *pickpocket* nor a horsefealer

It is reasonable, when Esquire South is losing his money to sharpers and *pickpockets*, I should lay out the fruits of my honest industry in a law suit.

Pickpockets and highwaymen observe strict justice among themselves.

His fellow *pickpocket*, watching for a job,

Fancies his fingers in the cully's fob.

A *pickpocket* at the bar or bench.

If a court or country's made a job,

Go drench a *pickpocket*, and join the mob.

PICKTOOTH. *n. f.* [from *pick* and *tooth*.] An instrument by which the teeth are cleaned.

If a gentleman leaves a *picktooth* case on the table after dinner, look upon it as part of your vails.

PICKTHACK. *n. f.* [from *pick* and *thack*.] An officious fellow, who does what he is not desired; a whispering parasite.

With pleasing tales his lord's vain ears he fed,